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Reply Brief

1. The reply brief filed August 19, 2005 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and interferences for a decision on the appeal.

Response to Arguments

2. Appellants rely on the arguments set forth in the appeal brief. The examiner is maintaining the arguments set forth in the appeal brief.

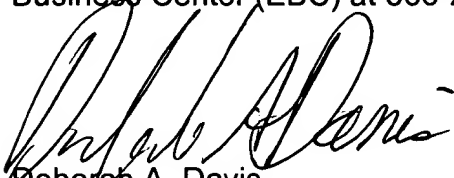
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Deborah A. Davis whose telephone number is (571) 272-0818. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5 Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Long Le can be reached on (571) 272-0823. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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